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5. [] LEGISLATION Received a call from Wilma Lehman, of the Civil Service Commission. She had been notified by the Senate Committee on Post Office and Civil Service that the Committee would likely take up H. R. 6227, the right to counsel bill, within the next two weeks. She was preparing to send the Commission's letter to the House Committee, with minor changes, to the Senate Committee and wanted to alert us of the impending action so that we might also contact the Committee.

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6. [] ADMINISTRATIVE Called Bud McFarland, NSC staff, regarding the State Department draft reply to Senator Frank Church's (D., Idaho) letter to the President on the role of the ambassador. McFarland said he has action, not State. I said the draft is not acceptable, pointing out that the words in the preamble "under the direction of the President" spelled out in the statute and in the 1969 message to the ambassadors was not in this draft.

I also told McFarland that we have been asked by the House Select Committee for the Director's prepared statements on SALT and compliance. I said we took the position that we do not give them transcripts but the prepared statements are considered to be the Director's property. McFarland said we could show them the 5 March 1975 prepared statement of the Director's briefing of the NSC. He said they can read them at Headquarters but not take them with them.

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7. [] LIAISON Gerri Schipske, in the office of Representative Shirley Pettis, called and asked if we would object to Mrs. Pettis' Administrative Assistant, [] attending the breakfast on 9 December. She said [] used to work for Mr. George Bush and is interested in the Agency. I said I would have to check and let her know. She said if it caused any problem not to worry about it.

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8. [] LIAISON Called Ed Schallert, Representative Les Aspin's (D., Wis.) office, in response to his earlier call about a response to the Congressman's letter on Soviet defense spending. I told him we would have a reply for him on Friday and he was agreeable to this.

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